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July 3, 1952

Accidents affecting farmers will cost about one billion dollars, including fire and motor vehicle and property damages, in the next twelve months. The Production and Marketing Administration urges all farmers to observe National Farm Safety Week, July 20-26.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued a report on where all the cattle, calves, hogs, sheep and lambs sold last year were slaughtered. It shows that more than half of those animals were killed at plants in the Midwest. Midwest packing plants handled more than 64 million animals last year.

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"In general, and within the adjustments which may be necessary among crops, we will apparently have to keep right on shooting for big production next year and for many years to come." This continuing need for large farm production was predicted recently by Gus Geissler, Administrator, Production and Marketing Administration.

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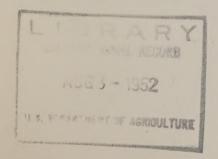
Fertilizer use in the United States has been increasing ever since the establishment of the Agricultural Conservation Program in 1936, according to current fertilizer consumption figures.

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Farmers cooperating in the 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program are urged to follow through on the conservation work they have planned to carry out with the aid of the program. While much of the work planned for the year has already been done, much still remains to be carried out in summer and fall months.

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The Production and Marketing Administration announces that the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program has been extended to June 30, 1953.



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The Secretary of Agriculture has announced hearings to be held on the establishment of a laboratory for investigation of foot-and-mouth disease. Funds for establishing the laboratory have been appropriated by the Congress. The laboratory must be built on a government owned island entirely surrounded by deep navigable water.

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Peaches are plentiful. The Department of Agriculture estimates that the July peach crop amounts to about 15 million bushels and that the August crop will add another 6 million bushels. Peaches should be abundant from now until well into September.

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The Nation's 1952 wheat crop is large. J. E. Kasper, Chairman of the North Dakota FMA Committee, urges farmers to protect the price for their crop by taking out a wheat loan or purchase agreement. In eight of the last thirteen years, wheat prices averaged highest in March or later.

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The new manpower policy of the government approved on June 26 by President Truman places increased emphasis on the retention of key agricultural workers on farms.

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227,059 cases of shell eggs were purchased by the government under its recent surplus removal program. The eggs will be distributed this fall to non-profit school lunch programs and other eligible outlets.

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Under the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program, community committeemen will make farm-by-farm contacts to help each farmer determine what practices he needs most to improve the land. The most urgently needed practices will be given first attention.

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Wheat price support at a national average of \$2.20 a bushel to farmers for the 1952 crop has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Last year's average was \$2.18 a bushel. Loans and purchase agreements covering the 1952 crop are available through local lending agencies or from PMA county committees.

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Farm Safety Week is July 20-26. Objective: Reduction of farm accidents! Accidents cost lives, time, food, fiber.

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Marketings of farm products in the second quarter of this year were estimated at about 6 percent above last year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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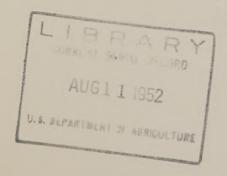
Every farmer in the Nation is to have an opportunity to cooperate in the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program extended to him through a personal visit by a PMA community committeeman.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture is preparing now to supply schools with dry skim milk to use in school lunch programs next fall.

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Developing a system of farming so that each year the land is more effectively protected against erosion and the soil is made increasingly more productive is the real challenge to the Nation's farmers, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.



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A 1953 wheat production goal of 72,000,000 acres, 8 percent below this year, has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan. With normal yields, the 1953 goal acreage would result in a crop of about 1,080,000,000 bushels, about 170,000,000 bushels below this year's estimated production.

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Foods featured on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's "Plentiful List" for the month of August include: Stewing hens, frozen concentrated orange juice, frozen and canned lemon juice, cheddar cheese, and cottage cheese, non-fat dry milk solids and buttermilk, sweet corn, tomatoes, snap beans, cucumbers, carrots, celery, and cabbage.

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It looks now like our potato production this year will be about 4 percent larger than last. The U. S. Department of Agriculture says total production is now set at about 339 million bushels.

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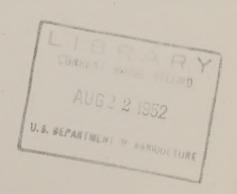
The number of cattle on feed for market in the 11 Corn Belt States on July 1 is estimated to be 13 percent larger than on July 1, 1951. Indications point to an increase of nearly 245,000 head, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that farmers put 271 million bushels of small grains and related 1951 crops under price support. This compares with about 319 million bushels of the 1950 crops.

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More grass and legume seeds will be used in the next few years, according to a summary of reports recently made by State Agricultural Mobilization Committees. Of the 109 kinds and varieties of seeds reported on, it is estimated that only three will decline.



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July 31, 1952

Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan, has made his annual report to the President on the accomplishments of farmers in 1951. In it, he points to some very impressive facts: 1951 farm production nearly equal to the all-time record...the highest gross farm income on record...farm output per man-hour at an all-time high.

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Since they assure farmers that higher yields will not result in ruinous prices, farm price support programs administered by PMA farmer-committees are a basic part of the Nation's effort to encourage conservation and better land use.

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The Production and Marketing Administration announces that a total appropriation of over \$83 million dollars has been apportioned for the 1952-53 School Lunch Program. Funds will be distributed among the 48 States, District of Columbia, and the Territories of Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

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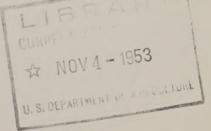
The trend toward grassland agriculture will keep gaining gradually during the next few years, in the opinion of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. By 1958, farmers will need 25 percent more grass seed and 20 percent more legume seed than in 1951; that is the forecast in a report issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, based on opinions of State Agricultural Mobilization Committees.

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Eighty four percent of the Nation's corn acreage was planted with hybrids this season, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Soil and water conservation practices carried out under the Agricultural Conservation Program are healing gullies, turning eroded and barren hillsides green again and converting run-down farms into productive and profitable enterprises.



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